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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6486

BILL NUMBER: HB 1252

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 14, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Disabled Veteran Tuition Fee Remission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the amount appropriated in the budget bill for statutory fee remission in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, may be used for dependents of veterans with disabilities not greater than zero percentage. It appropriates the additional amount needed to provide funding for statutory fee remission for dependents of veterans with disabilities not greater than zero percentage.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The federal government classifies disabled veterans as a percentage of disability from 0% to 100%. A 0% disability means that the veteran has a physical problem or the potential for one, but the federal government does not consider it significant enough for compensation. The classification could change if the problem becomes worse. The Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) has approved fee remission for dependents of veterans with 0% disabilities. The budget bill required that IDVA only consider new applications for fee remission from dependents of veterans with disabilities greater than 0%. Approximately 10.1% of the veterans were classified as 0% disabled, accounting for about 10.2% or approximately \$1.5 M in fee remissions in FY 2004.

If the dependents of veterans with 0% disability were equally distributed, then the impact would be about \$750,000. The bill appropriates sufficient General Fund money to pay the additional fee remission costs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

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